



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 383***

LCO No. 1568

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***An Act Concerning Solid Waste Management.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22a-228 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall adopt  
4 regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54  
5 establishing procedures for adopting and amending a state-wide solid  
6 waste management plan and for granting temporary variances from  
7 the provisions of the plan. Such regulations shall require notice to each  
8 affected municipality by certified mail, return receipt requested, and  
9 an opportunity for public comment, including regional hearings, and  
10 shall assure full consideration of and response to any comments  
11 received by the commissioner. The state-wide solid waste management  
12 plan shall be adopted and amended in accordance with such  
13 regulations. [ but shall not be deemed to be a regulation for purposes  
14 of chapter 54.]

15 (b) On or after January 1, 1987, the Commissioner of Environmental  
16 Protection shall adopt a state-wide solid waste management plan

17 which shall incorporate each municipal solid waste management plan  
18 approved pursuant to section 22a-227. The plan shall establish specific  
19 goals for source reduction, bulky waste recycling and composting. The  
20 plan shall establish the following order of priority for managing solid  
21 waste: Source reduction; recycling; composting of yard waste or  
22 vegetable matter; bulky waste recycling; resource recovery or waste-to-  
23 energy plants; incineration and landfilling.

24 (c) The commissioner shall amend said plan to include an  
25 assessment of the amount of landfill capacity needed in the state for  
26 landfills for residue from resources recovery facilities, ash from  
27 municipal incinerators and for bulky waste. Such assessment shall  
28 include (1) a projection of the annual capacity needed for the twenty-  
29 year period commencing on July 1, 1989, and (2) a minimum and  
30 maximum number of landfills in simultaneous operation required to  
31 dispose of such residue, ash or waste. Such amendment shall be  
32 available to the public on or before January 1, 1989.

33 (d) On or before January 1, 1990, the Commissioner of  
34 Environmental Protection shall revise the state-wide solid waste  
35 management plan to include a source reduction component that  
36 outlines specific strategies to reduce the solid waste generated in this  
37 state by an amount not less than the amount required to maintain until  
38 the year 2010 the annual per capita solid waste generation rate at the  
39 rate estimated by the commissioner in 1988. Such strategies shall  
40 include measures to reduce waste from packaging materials and  
41 disposable products.

42 (e) On and after the effective date of this act, the adoption of the  
43 state-wide solid waste management plan and any amendments or  
44 revisions to said plan shall be made by regulations in accordance with  
45 the provisions of chapter 54.

46 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to adopt the state-wide solid waste management plan and any revisions or amendments to said plan by regulation.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*